

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A coupling device for a portable terminal to couple a first member and a second member to be relatively slidable and horizontally rotatable in ~~the portable terminal being provided with the first member, one of the members~~ having a keyboard unit section and ~~the second member one of the members~~ having a display unit section in respectively separate boxes thereof, said coupling device comprising:

a main body portion having a long guide hole to be attached to ~~either one member of the first member and the second member in the~~ a longitudinal direction; and

a movable portion to be attached to the ~~other member of the first member and the second member~~ to make the ~~other~~ second member rotatable horizontally at a predetermined sliding position.

Claim 2. (Currently amended): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[.]] when said movable portion is slidably fitted into said main body, said main body comprises:~~

a case main body provided with a long guide groove; and

a lid portion provided with a long guided hole,

said movable portion comprises:

a head portion to be passed through said long guide hole; and

a guide leg portion to be fitted into said long guide groove, and

when said movable portion is rotatably fitted into the main body, a guide recess portion is provided next to said long guide groove for allowing the guide leg portion to rotate.

Claim 3. (Original): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 2, further comprising:

bearings to be attached to said guide leg portion of said movable portion to allow a portion of the bearing into said long guide groove.

Claim 4. (Original): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 2, further comprising:

a stopper wall provided in said guide recess portion to control rotation of said movable portion.

Claim 5. (Original): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 1, further comprising:

an arresting means between said main body and said movable portion to stably halt the movable portion at a predetermined position,

wherein the arresting means is composed of a pair of arresting plates slidably biased in mutually opposite directions to sandwich a portion of said movable portion.

Claim 6. (Currently amended): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim [[1]] 2, wherein said case main body and said lid portion are allowed to sandwich ~~said~~ an arresting plate therebetween in a slidably biased state in one direction and respective both side portions are engagedly fixed with an arresting member.

Claim 7. (Original): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein a means for relatively rotating said first member and said second member

horizontally is provided between the member to which said movable portion is attached and the movable portion.

Claim 8. (Currently amended): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the means for halting said movable portion at a predetermined position comprises a protruding portion attached to said movable member in a slidably biased state in one direction and a recess portion provided on said main body side to receive the protruding portion.

Claim 9. (New): A coupling device for a portable terminal to couple a first member and a second member to be relatively slidable and horizontally rotatable, one of members having a keyboard unit section and one of the members having a display unit section in respectively separate boxes thereof, said coupling device comprising:

a main body portion having a long guide groove to be attached to the first member in a longitudinal direction;

a movable portion to be attached to the second member to make the second member rotatable horizontally at a predetermined sliding position;

said main body provided with a pair of rectangular arresting plates each structured with central flat press portions and arresting means formed on end portions for halting said movable portion at a predetermined position, and an elastic means for slidably biasing said arresting plates against each other;

said movable portion having a guide leg portion engaged with said long guide groove; and

said long guide groove having a guide recess portion for allowing the guide leg

portion to rotate horizontally.

Claim 10. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 9, wherein, said main body comprises:

a case main body provided with a long guide groove; and

a lid portion provided with a long guided hole,

said movable portion comprises:

a head portion to be passed through said long guide hole; and

a guide leg portion to be fitted into said long guide groove, and

when said movable portion is rotatably fitted into the main body, a guide recess portion is provided next to said long guide groove for allowing the guide leg portion to rotate.

Claim 11. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 10 further comprising:

bearings to be attached to said guide leg portion of said movable portion to allow a portion of the bearing into said long guide groove.

Claim 12. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim 10, further comprising:

a stopper wall provided in said guide recess portion to control rotation of said movable portion.

Claim 13. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim

9, wherein said main body comprises a case main body and a lid portion; and
said rectangular arresting plates are mounted between said case main body and
said lid portion.

Claim 14. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim
10, wherein said case main body and said lid portion are engagedly fixed with an arresting
member having C-shaped channel.

Claim 15. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to claim
9, wherein said arresting means comprises first arresting portions composed of curves
formed at one end portion thereof, second arresting portions composed of curves formed
at another end portion thereof, and third arresting portions composed of recesses formed
among the second arresting portions.

Claim 16. (New): The coupling device for the portable terminal according to anyone
of claim 9, wherein the means for halting said movable portion at a predetermined position
comprises a protruding portion attached to said movable member in a slidable biased state
in one direction and a recess portion provided on said main body to receive the protruding
portion.